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10/673,741

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/29/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-10, 12-15, 18-25 and 27-32 (renumbered as 1-22).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the applicant's amendment filed on 05/29/2007.
2. Claims 1-6, 11, 16-17 and 26 have been cancelled.
3. Claims 7-10, 12-15, 18-25 and 27-32 are being allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appear below. Should the change and/or additions be unacceptable to the Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of issue fee.

Authorization for examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Charles E. Steffey, Registration No. 25, 179 on August 1, 2007. A proposed amendment has been received and adopted by the Examiner - See attached on pages 4-10.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As applicant pointed out under Remark section, pages 2-5, Thompson (US 2003/0237070 A1) taken either singly and/or in combination with other cited prior arts, do not spill and fill the computed values held in rotating registers in a software-pipelined loop using rotating stack memory locations for rotating registers, when there are no rotating registers available to hold the computed values, wherein the number of the rotating stack memory locations used for spilling and filling the computed values are equal to the number of simultaneous live values generated by the rotating register, as recited in such manners in each of independent claims 7, 10, 14, 21, 27 and 30. Furthermore, such spilling and filling of live computed values, held in a rotating register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop, using two non-rotating integer registers, when there are no FP rotating registers

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available and when there are no rotating integers available for holding rotating stack memory locations, and when there are not enough non-rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations as recited in such manners in independent claim 18.

Prior arts of record do not teach and/or suggest these claimed limitations, thus, all remaining pending claims 7-10, 12-15, 18-25 and 27-32 are allowed.

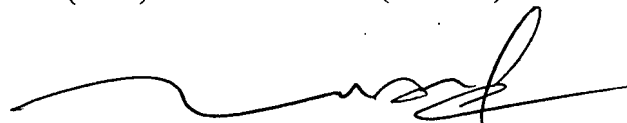
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Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isaac Tecklu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7957. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 9:300A - 8:00P.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examination, the amending claims are as follows:

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of software pipelining for improving efficiency of loop handling, the method comprising:

checking for availability of rotating registers to hold computed values that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop; and

spilling and filling the computed values held in rotating registers in a software-pipelined loop using rotating stack memory locations for rotating registers, when there are no rotating registers available to hold the computed values, wherein the number of the rotating stack memory locations used for spilling and filling the computed values equals ~~is equal to~~ the number of simultaneous live values generated by the rotating register.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the computed values are Floating Point (FP) values.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the rotating registers are FP rotating registers.

10. (Previously Presented) A method of software pipelining for improving efficiency of loop handling, the method comprising:

checking for availability of FP rotating registers to hold FP computed values that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop; and

spilling and filling the computed values using rotating integer registers for holding addresses of stack memory locations when there are no FP rotating registers available to hold the computed value, the spilling and filling the computed values comprising:

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checking for availability of $N+1$ rotating integer registers, wherein N is number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop; and

spilling and filling the computed value in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ rotating integer registers, when the $N+1$ rotating integer registers are available.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein spilling and filling the computed value comprises:

storing the computed value in the stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ rotating integer registers; and

loading from the stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ rotating integer registers based on number of stages between when the loading occurs from the storing of the corresponding computed value.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein target registers for filling could be any available FP registers.

14. (Previously Presented) A method of software pipelining for improving efficiency of loop handling, the method comprising:

using post-incremented memory operations for spilling and filling of live computed values, held in a FP rotating register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop, using non-rotating registers, when there are no rotating integer registers available to hold rotating stack memory locations,

checking for availability of $N+1$ non-rotating integer registers available for spilling and filling, wherein N is a number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop; and

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spilling and filling the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding N+1 non-rotating integer registers, when the N+1 non-rotating registers are available.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein using the non-rotating registers comprises: using the non-rotating integer registers.

16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method of software pipelining for improving efficiency of loop handling, the method comprising spilling and filling of live computed values, held in a rotating register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop, using two non-rotating integer registers, when there are no FP rotating registers available and when there are no rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations, and when there are not enough non-rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the two non-rotating registers do not have to be contiguous.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the rotating stack memory locations have to be contiguous and in descending order.

21. (Previously Presented) A method of software pipelining for improving efficiency of loop handling, the method comprising:

checking for availability of rotating integer registers and non-rotating integer registers, to spill and fill computed values held in a FP rotating register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop;

spilling and filling the computed values, held in a FP rotating register, using the rotating integer registers to hold rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers available to hold the computed values;

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spilling and filling the computed values, held in the FP rotating register, using non-rotating registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers to hold the computed values and further when there are no rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations; and

spilling and filling the computed values held in the FP rotating register, using two non-rotating integer registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers to hold the computed values, where there are no rotating integer registers available, and further when there are only a few non-rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein spilling and filling the computed values using the rotating integer registers comprises:

checking for availability of $N+1$ rotating integer registers, wherein N is number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop; and

spilling and filling the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ rotating integer registers, when the $N+1$ rotating integer registers are available.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein spilling and filling the computed values using non-rotating integer registers comprises:

checking for availability of $N+1$ non-rotating integer registers available for spilling and filling, wherein N is a number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop; and

spilling and filling the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ non-rotating integer registers, when the $N+1$ non-rotating registers are available.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the two non-rotating registers do not have to be contiguous.

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25. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the rotating stack memory locations have to be contiguous and in descending order.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) An ~~[[The]]~~ article comprising a computer-readable medium which stores computer-executable instructions, the instructions causing a computer to perform: of claim 26, wherein spilling and filling computed values that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop using rotating stack memory locations comprises:

checking for availability of rotating integer registers and non-rotating integer registers, to spill and fill computed values held in a FP rotating register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop;

spilling and filling the computed values, held in a FP rotating register, using the rotating integer registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers available to hold the computed values;

spilling and filling the computed values, held in the FP rotating register, using the non-rotating registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers to hold the computed values and further when there are no rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations; and

spilling and filling the computed values held in the FP rotating register, using two non-rotating integer registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers to hold the computed values, where there are no rotating integer registers available, and further when there are only a few non-rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations.

28. (Original) The article comprising a computer-readable medium which stores computer-executable instructions of claim 27, wherein spilling and filling the computed values using the rotating integer registers comprises:

checking for availability of $N+1$ rotating integer registers, wherein N is number of stages a computed values that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop; and

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spilling and filling the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding N+1 rotating integer registers, when the N+1 rotating integer registers are available.

29. (Original) The article comprising a computer-readable medium which stores computer-executable instructions of claim 27, wherein spilling and filling the computed values using non-rotating integer registers comprises:

checking for availability of N+1 non-rotating integer registers available for spilling and filling, wherein N is a number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop; and

spilling and filling the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding N+1 non-rotating integer registers, when the N+1 non-rotating registers are available.

30. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a bus;

a processor coupled to the bus;

a memory coupled to the processor; and

a network interface coupled to the processor and the memory, wherein the processor to spill and fill multiple computed values, in a register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop, by performing:

checking for availability of rotating integer registers and non-rotating integer registers, to spill and fill computed values held in a FP rotating register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop;

spilling and filling the computed values, held in a FP rotating register, using the rotating integer registers to hold rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers available to hold the computed values;

spilling and filling the computed values, held in the FP rotating register, using the non-rotating registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating

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registers to hold the computed values and further when there are no rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations; and

spilling and filling the computed values held in the FP rotating register, using two non-rotating integer registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers to hold the computed values, where there are no rotating integer registers available, and further when there are only a few non-rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations.

31. (Original) The system of claim 30, wherein the processor checks for availability of $N+1$ rotating integer registers, wherein N is number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop, and spills and fills the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ rotating integer registers, when the $N+1$ rotating integer registers are available.

32. (Original) The system of claim 30, wherein the processor checks for availability of $N+1$ non-rotating integer registers available for spilling and filling, wherein N is a number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop, and spills and fills the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ non-rotating integer registers, when the $N+1$ non-rotating registers are available.

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Dear Examiner Tecklu:

In response to your phone interview with Charles Steffey, please see the attached supplemental amendment.

With kind regards,

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

MS Amendment

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This is in response to the Telephone Conference of August 1, 2007 between Examiner
Tecklu and Applicant's Representative Charles E. Steffey.

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1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of software pipelining for improving efficiency of loop handling, the method comprising:

checking for availability of rotating registers to hold computed values that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop; and

spilling and filling the computed values held in rotating registers in a software-pipelined loop using rotating stack memory locations for rotating registers, when there are no rotating registers available to hold the computed values, wherein the number of the rotating stack memory locations used for spilling and filling the computed values equals ~~is equal to~~ the number of simultaneous live values generated by the rotating register.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the computed values are Floating Point (FP) values.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the rotating registers are FP rotating registers.

10. (Previously Presented) A method of software pipelining for improving efficiency of loop handling, the method comprising:

checking for availability of FP rotating registers to hold FP computed values that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop; and

spilling and filling the computed values using rotating integer registers for holding addresses of stack memory locations when there are no FP rotating registers available to hold the computed value, the spilling and filling the computed values comprising:

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checking for availability of $N+1$ rotating integer registers, wherein N is number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop; and

spilling and filling the computed value in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ rotating integer registers, when the $N+1$ rotating integer registers are available.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein spilling and filling the computed value comprises:

storing the computed value in the stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ rotating integer registers; and

loading from the stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ rotating integer registers based on number of stages between when the loading occurs from the storing of the corresponding computed value.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein target registers for filling could be any available FP registers.

14. (Previously Presented) A method of software pipelining for improving efficiency of loop handling, the method comprising:

using post-incremented memory operations for spilling and filling of live computed values, held in a FP rotating register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop, using non-rotating registers, when there are no rotating integer registers available to hold rotating stack memory locations,

checking for availability of $N+1$ non-rotating integer registers available for spilling and filling, wherein N is a number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop; and

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spilling and filling the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding N+1 non-rotating integer registers, when the N+1 non-rotating registers are available.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein using the non-rotating registers comprises:
using the non-rotating integer registers.

16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method of software pipelining for improving efficiency of loop handling, the method comprising spilling and filling of live computed values, held in a rotating register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop, using two non-rotating integer registers, when there are no FP rotating registers available and when there are no rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations, and when there are not enough non-rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the two non-rotating registers do not have to be contiguous.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the rotating stack memory locations have to be contiguous and in descending order.

21. (Previously Presented) A method of software pipelining for improving efficiency of loop handling, the method comprising:

checking for availability of rotating integer registers and non-rotating integer registers, to spill and fill computed values held in a FP rotating register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop;

spilling and filling the computed values, held in a FP rotating register, using the rotating integer registers to hold rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers available to hold the computed values;

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spilling and filling the computed values, held in the FP rotating register, using non-rotating registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers to hold the computed values and further when there are no rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations; and

spilling and filling the computed values held in the FP rotating register, using two non-rotating integer registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers to hold the computed values, where there are no rotating integer registers available, and further when there are only a few non-rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein spilling and filling the computed values using the rotating integer registers comprises:

checking for availability of $N+1$ rotating integer registers, wherein N is number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop; and

spilling and filling the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ rotating integer registers, when the $N+1$ rotating integer registers are available.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein spilling and filling the computed values using non-rotating integer registers comprises:

checking for availability of $N+1$ non-rotating integer registers available for spilling and filling, wherein N is a number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop; and

spilling and filling the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ non-rotating integer registers, when the $N+1$ non-rotating registers are available.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the two non-rotating registers do not have to be contiguous.

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25. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the rotating stack memory locations have to be contiguous and in descending order.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) An ~~[[The]]~~ article comprising a computer-readable medium which stores computer-executable instructions, the instructions causing a computer to perform: ~~of claim 26, wherein spilling and filling computed values that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop using rotating stack memory locations comprises:~~

checking for availability of rotating integer registers and non-rotating integer registers, to spill and fill computed values held in a FP rotating register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop;

spilling and filling the computed values, held in a FP rotating register, using the rotating integer registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers available to hold the computed values;

spilling and filling the computed values, held in the FP rotating register, using the non-rotating registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers to hold the computed values and further when there are no rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations; and

spilling and filling the computed values held in the FP rotating register, using two non-rotating integer registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers to hold the computed values, where there are no rotating integer registers available, and further when there are only a few non-rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations.

28. (Original) The article comprising a computer-readable medium which stores computer-executable instructions of claim 27, wherein spilling and filling the computed values using the rotating integer registers comprises:

checking for availability of $N+1$ rotating integer registers, wherein N is number of stages a computed values that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop; and

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spilling and filling the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding N+1 rotating integer registers, when the N+1 rotating integer registers are available.

29. (Original) The article comprising a computer-readable medium which stores computer-executable instructions of claim 27, wherein spilling and filling the computed values using non-rotating integer registers comprises:

checking for availability of N+1 non-rotating integer registers available for spilling and filling, wherein N is a number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop; and

spilling and filling the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding N+1 non-rotating integer registers, when the N+1 non-rotating registers are available.

30. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a bus;

a processor coupled to the bus;

a memory coupled to the processor; and

a network interface coupled to the processor and the memory, wherein the processor to spill and fill multiple computed values, in a register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop, by performing:

checking for availability of rotating integer registers and non-rotating integer registers, to spill and fill computed values held in a FP rotating register, that are live across multiple stages in a software-pipelined loop;

spilling and filling the computed values, held in a FP rotating register, using the rotating integer registers to hold rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers available to hold the computed values;

spilling and filling the computed values, held in the FP rotating register, using the non-rotating registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating

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registers to hold the computed values and further when there are no rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations; and

spilling and filling the computed values held in the FP rotating register, using two non-rotating integer registers to hold the rotating stack memory locations, when there are no FP rotating registers to hold the computed values, where there are no rotating integer registers available, and further when there are only a few non-rotating integer registers available for holding rotating stack memory locations.

31. (Original) The system of claim 30, wherein the processor checks for availability of $N+1$ rotating integer registers, wherein N is number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop, and spills and fills the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ rotating integer registers, when the $N+1$ rotating integer registers are available.

32. (Original) The system of claim 30, wherein the processor checks for availability of $N+1$ non-rotating integer registers available for spilling and filling, wherein N is a number of stages a computed value that needs to be spilled is live in the software-pipelined loop, and spills and fills the computed values in stack memory locations whose addresses are held in corresponding $N+1$ non-rotating integer registers, when the $N+1$ non-rotating registers are available.

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Telephone Conference of August 1, 2007 between Examiner Tecklu and Applicant's Representative Charles E. Steffey.

Claims 7 and 27 are amended to correct informalities noted by the Examiner. No claims are added. As a result, claims 7-10, 12-15, 19-25, and 27-32 remain now pending in this application.

Interview Summary

Examiner Tecklu pointed out language in claims 7 and 27 that required amendment for clarity. He also requested that Applicant's representative review the other claims and determine if similar changes were needed to them. In the course of the interview, Examiner Tecklu indicated that the claims would all be allowed once the amendments were made.

Set forth above are the changes to the claims that Applicant believes to be needed.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the claims, as amended remain in condition for allowance as Examiner Tecklu confirmed in the course of the August 1, 2007 interview. Confirmation of the allowance of the claims is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney ((612) 373-6970) to facilitate any further prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

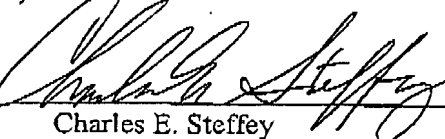
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